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1. Applicant's arguments filed 2/17/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's after-final amendment filed 2/17/09 has not been entered since it raises a new issue that was not present during prosecution. The claimed step of thermoforming-foaming is the new issue. The previous claimed invention involved separate steps of foaming and thermoforming.

In regard to applicant's arguments, they are inappropriate at this moment since they concern the non-entered limitation, which has been determined as a new issue.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDMUND H. LEE whose telephone number is 571.272.1204. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-THURSDAY FROM 9AM-4PM.

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